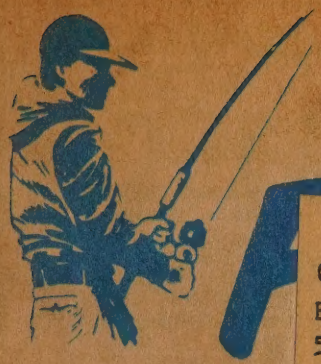

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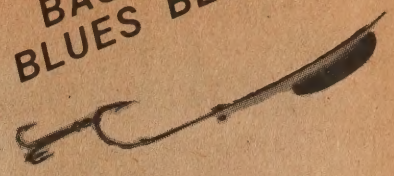

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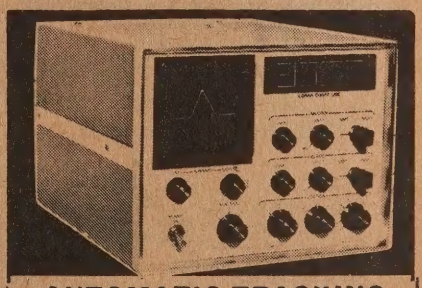

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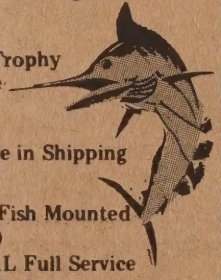

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ANOTHER VICTIM OF "PROGRESS"

Just a line to inform all of the demise of a landmark, the landmark being Harry and Milt Powles' Veteran's Fishing Station, located on Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor.

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Now, the town of Huntington has devised a plan for a "waterfront" park along Harbor Road. Facilities will include a bait and tackle stand, slips, gas, refreshments and launching ramp for **town residents' use exclusively.** (The same facilities as Vet's Fishing Station except that at Vet's, **all** can enjoy Cold Spring Hrbr.) In order to carry out their "plan", the town is ordering Vet's Fishing Station vacated and razed by September, 1974.

The area in and around Cold Spring Harbor has of late become so "exclusive" that out-of-towners will find it hard to enjoy this beautiful and productive area by boat.

For myself and all of the other "residents" of Vet's Fishing Station, we request that this be printed in order to seek backing to curtail the cold destruction of two men's livelyhood and a town's tradition by a swift slash of our relentless friend, progress.

Readers not familiar with Vet's, stop in and say hello to the Powles brothers. You may only have until September to appreciate an era before it vanishes. Thank you.—Bill Stengel (and all other "Vet's" anglers) New Hyde Park, N.Y.

NEED ROOM FOR SURFMEN AT GATEWAY!

When I dropped in for a visit a few weeks ago I gave you a brief summary of the developments on my efforts toward securing an area in Gateway National Recreation Area. After waiting for four months and four days I finally got an answer from my Congressman and possibly you may want to report the results in Chum Lines.

"Just before Christmas I pointed out that with the creation of Gateway National Recreation Area and the acquisition of Riis park, Breezy Point and Fort Tilden plus a good part of the Jamaica Bay we should start a campaign to have an area set aside for surf casting on a 24 hour basis, all year round. Up to this point there is no place in the Metropolitan area where this can be done.

Since then I have been working on it and have often despaired. Unanswered mail is worse than an outright rejection. At last I got through to one of the officials of the Area and briefly this is the current status:

Nothing definite is on the drawing board at this time. For the time being things are pretty much as they were when it was under NYC control. At Riis the hours are 8 PM until 8 AM... outside of the Surf Club unrestricted. These hours are subject to revision—so check. Parking....still under discussion...could well be the field next to the bathhouse until further notice. Again—check first!

Fort Tilden will not be added to the Area until next year. A part of this area was suggested and the reasons for it pointed out. The idea was not rejected. The beaches at the Fort are not developed, while those to the East and West are ideal and ample for bathers.

The Farragut and Empire Fishing Clubs have been very active in negotiations and are acting in liaison between us and the administration. Still, it would not hurt if you dropped a line to your Congressman or Gateway National Recreation Area, Headquarters Building, Floyd Bennet Field, Brooklyn, NY 11234 supporting the project. Your tax dollars are supporting this and I urge you to make your views known now while the plans are on the drawing board...Tomorrow may be too late!

Do not call the Recreation Area...a project of this magnitude requires an awful lot of work for the staff. The boys from the aforementioned fishing clubs will be glad to fill you in."

That about covers all I have to report at this time. I'll keep my ear to the ground and keep you posted.—Ed Haring, Brooklyn, N.Y.

News Releases

"ATLANTIC COALITION" FORMED

An alliance of Marine oriented organizations on Long Island has been formed to fight the threat of sewage sludge on our door steps.

"The Atlantic Coalition" (formed April 11th) is presently being led by Gary Kleppel, Ecology Chairman of the Eastern Surfing Assn., and recreational Coordinator for SOBA. Organizations and individuals who wish to take part in this endeavor to protect the marine environment should contact Gary through SOBA, P.O. Box 55, Seaford 11783.

We hope that this coalition of all marine groups on Long Island will become a **"Loud Voice"** in this continuing battle to Save Our Waters.

EMERGENCY HOT LINE

Since the dangers of contaminated sludge washing ashore is very real, we list here an emergency number to call for EPA officials to investigate any material of unknown nature found on the beach. #201-548-3347 ext. 572.—Reprinted courtesy of Save Our Bays Association.

200-MILE "RESOURCE ZONE" AND OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS LEASING

On March 28, 1974, bids were received for oil and gas leases in waters up to 1000 feet deep off the Louisiana coast. These were the **first** leases in waters deeper than 200 meters—one limit of national jurisdiction—thus moving oil and gas explorations into an area where international rules are uncertain.

This uncertainty is increased because of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (LOS) scheduled for this summer in Caracas, Venezuela. Recent Department of Interior notices stated it would not be necessary to add any new provisions to the leases to accommodate any agreements reached at the conference, but leases in waters deeper than 200 meters will be subject to any international agreements reached.

The LOS conference may affect offshore leases as follows:

(1) A "resource zone" of exclusive national jurisdiction over sea resources extending 200 miles out from the coast may be established. Within this resource zone, coastal nations will have substantial control over oil and gas exploration, drilling and production.

(2) There may be some internationally administered standards governing activities within the 200-mile resource zone which would affect existing leases including;

a) standards regulating pollution control,

b) accommodation of conflicting uses of the marine environment, and

c) protection of investments made for resource development.

However, the "revenue, financial, and other terms" of leases existing prior to any LOS agreements would not be altered by treaty provisions on international sharing of deep-seabed resource revenues or compulsory dispute settlement.

(3) The creation of a 200-mile resource zone would delay well into the future the time when oil companies have to deal directly with any international seabed agency which may be created to administer natural resources beyond national jurisdictions.

Thus, for the near future, oil companies exploring, drilling and producing in deep waters offshore will continue to operate under the same legal and administrative arrangements as in the past, subject to any internationally agreed upon standards. LCL will be at the LOS conference and a special report is expected.—Reprinted from LCL Report #16, office of Sea Grant Development, LSU Law Center (NO AA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce).

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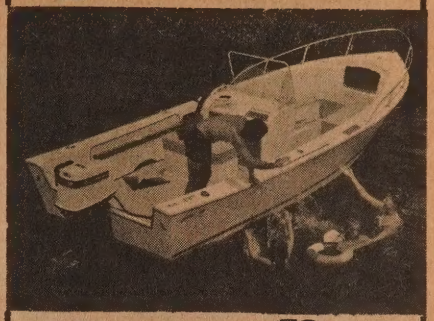

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In the May 23, 1974, issue of Long Island Fisherman, issue #19, you published an article by John Fennmore, entitled "Diving Shinnecock Inlet," which describes the pleasures of skin-diving in Shinnecock Inlet.

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In view of this, may we suggest a retraction of this article, or a column to make your readers aware of this Ordinance.

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CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

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Twenty (20) patrons of the restaurant are entered in this year's Tournament which is being held out of Tuma's Marina, Montauk, N.Y. on four (4) chartered boats.

Presentation of the trophies will be made by the proprietors of Sportsman's Rest, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Timler, on the following Saturday, August 17th. A gala evening is in store for the fishermen, their wives, and sweethearts, an evening which includes a buffet supper, movies of the trip, and dancing for the evening.

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17TH ANNUAL RHODE ISLAND TUNA TOURNAMENT

The 17th Annual Rhode Island Tuna Tournament will be held over the Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 2, 1974 at Galilee, Rhode Island, it was announced by the Rhode Island Development Council.

This year particular emphasis is being placed on **tagging and releasing** the tuna caught in the tournament. This is in accordance with the recommendation of the International Game Fish Association which says that the giant bluefin tuna is a species in decline. Consequently, in addition to the regular trophies there will also be awards for the most tuna released and citations for each tuna released. Fish that are boated will be weighed in at Galilee. Winning trophies will be presented on Governor's Day, September 2, by Governor Noel.

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Bass Fishing: A "Structured" Approach

by Angelo Peluso

It can be said with a reasonable degree of accuracy, and without fear of contradiction, that today's avid largemouth bass fisherman is fully aware of the existence of structure fishing methods. How can he not be? It is practically impossible to pick up any one of the nationally renown fishing magazines and not notice either an article or advertisement referring to "structure".

The point has been reached where we are conditioned to think and respond in terms of migration routes, break lines, speed control, sub-structure, etc., etc., etc. In fact, many a good fisherman has been led to believe that a fishing utopia exists at the end of the "structure rainbow".

Too many bassman have attempted to cure all of their fishing ills by utilizing and applying structure principles exclusively. I can begin to hear the grumblings of you structure die-hards and the criticism of my last remark, but please don't misinterpret what I've just stated. The key to the statement is in the word "exclusively".

As an avid bassman, I am well aware of the necessity to include, in one's repertoire of fishing tactics, the application of structure principles. But, as with everything else in life, there is a definite time and place. Having read widely on the subject of structure, and having successfully utilized its methods, I am firmly convinced of its validity. I cannot take away from the fact that "structure" works. My only concern is that too many fishermen get too tied up in its application.

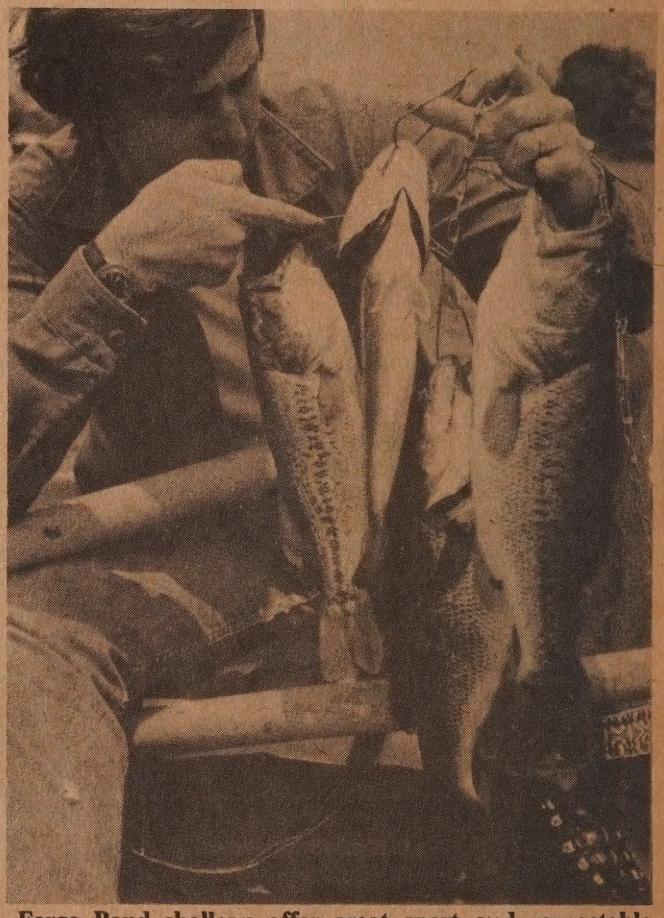
I can sympathize with those of you that fall into this category, for I was in it myself, not too long ago. It had been extremely frustrating to me, since deep water structure fishing is not my favorite approach to bassing. Though I remain willing and eager to learn and apply all new structure techniques, I reached a point where I began to feel deprived of the simple joys of shallow water bassing; those nerve shattering eruptions from beneath lily pads which often result in a bass bug being completely engulfed by Mr. Bass, himself.

Or, how about the savage attack on a shallow-running or top-water plug, or the pick-up of a weightless plastic worm flicked ever so gently off a bank or exposed tree stump. In my opinion, these fishing experiences can't be beat.

This attitude toward bass fishing led me to what I call my "structure" approach. In theory and practice it is relatively simple.

Let's begin with the basic contention that both structure fishing and shallow water fishing work, each in its own time and place and each affected by different sets of variables. Once we establish this, our next step is to choose two lakes; one whose character is that of a shallow lake and one whose contour and formation offer structure fishing possibilities.

In my own personal situation I chose two of Long Island's most productive bass waters, Forge Pond (the lower basin of the Peconic River system) and Lake Ronkonkoma. Each of these bodies of water is so distinctly different, in terms of variables, as to be at opposite ends of the spectrum, thus making them ideally suited to my particular needs as a bass fisherman.



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With the choice of lakes made, it now becomes extremely important to learn as much about each body of water as is possible. The basic techniques for this type of investigation have been discussed over and over within the multitude of bass articles. Since it is not my intention at this point to expound on this procedure, I won't dwell on the subject, but I would like to mention a few pointers that have helped me to "learn a lake".

My approach has been to initially obtain a contour map, if available, of the particular body of water and study it with the purpose of isolating the potentially productive areas, i.e.; weed lines, weed beds, drop-offs, feeder streams, stream beds, etc..

In the case of Lake Ronkonkoma I was able to obtain a contour map from the Suffolk County Department of Conservation at Stony Brook University. Let me tell you, a lake with

Author's wife, Sandra, was our cover girl last year in Issue #24 (June 28, 1973). The fish was taken at Ronkonkoma—in the shallows.

the depth of Ronkonkoma takes some "learning," and the effort and time invested in studying a contour map will pay very high dividends.

In the case of Forge Pond, I decided, taking into consideration the pond's shallow character, that the best approach to learning its secrets would be to make a physical inspection of it. It is advisable to make a number of preliminary scouting missions to a pond of this sort with the intention of locating conditions such as feeder tributaries, areas of overflow, location of protection and so on.

Whenever an inspection is made, whether it be of a small pond like Forge or a larger impoundment like Ronkonkoma, it is also recommended to make as many objective observations as possible. Here I am referring to such things as temperature ranges, oxygen content and light penetration. Each one of these items has been proven to be of great significance to today's bass angler. Whether one fishes shallow or deep he cannot lose sight of their importance. Each and every bass angler should establish his fishing tactics based upon a combined observation of these factors. I'm beginning to drift from my main theme, but I will touch upon these factors shortly.

Having made a selection of lakes, and having done a bit of homework by way of investigation, the next step is to establish a game plan. Once again, a number of determinations must be made. Upon an evaluation of my own situation, I decided that I would like to devote the greater percentage of my bass fishing time to the shallows, and that during the course of a season also catch my share of lunker fish. Let me explain.

Any devotee of the shallows knows well that a majority of the fish caught in shallow water, during the course of a season, are usually not of the lunker category; they range anywhere from yearlings to somewhere around three pounds. The five-pound-and-over rod-benders are caught, but are more the exception than the general rule.

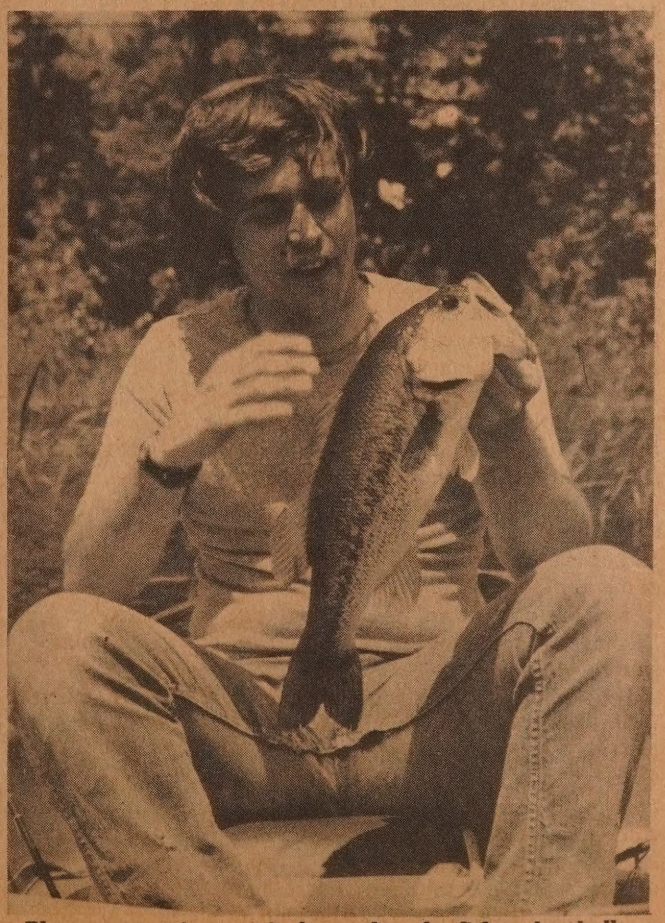
Accumulated bass fishing data conclusively shows that the consistently large catches of lunker fish come from the larger impoundments; in the case of Long Island, the largest such fresh water impoundment is Lake Ronkonkoma. It is also a known fact that a majority of the fishermen who frequent Ronkonkoma fish structure; some fish it exclusively.

If I examine the few previous bits of data, combined with my basic objectives to fish shallow and catch my share of lunkers, it becomes apparent that significant conflict develops. If the largest fish are caught in the largest impoundments by fishing some sort of structure then I, as a shallow water fisherman, have a problem. The problem really isn't one of catching fish, because I've always gotten my share; being a flexible individual, I've often gone the structure route. The problem was, rather, of fishing the way I enjoy most.

This problem is not an insurmountable one, and it's quite possible for me and other shallow water fishermen to have their cake and eat it, too. What must be done is to "structure" one's approach to include, within that approach, the all-important element of time, both time of season and time of day. Let's look a little more closely at this:

With the warming influence of spring, fresh water shallows become teeming havens of activity and life. This is especially important to the bass fisherman for a number of reasons. Firsh, the spring is a time of re-birth and, specifically, a time when old bucket-mouth decides to procreate his species. This mating instinct is triggered by a number of things, but one of the most important is that of water temperature.

If temperature is a key to creating it must logically, then, also be a key to existing, which it most certainly is. Established fact once again shows that largemouth bass are most comfortable and maintain the most efficient metabolism within the temperature range of 68 through 75 degrees with an ideal



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pollock

by Ron Onorato

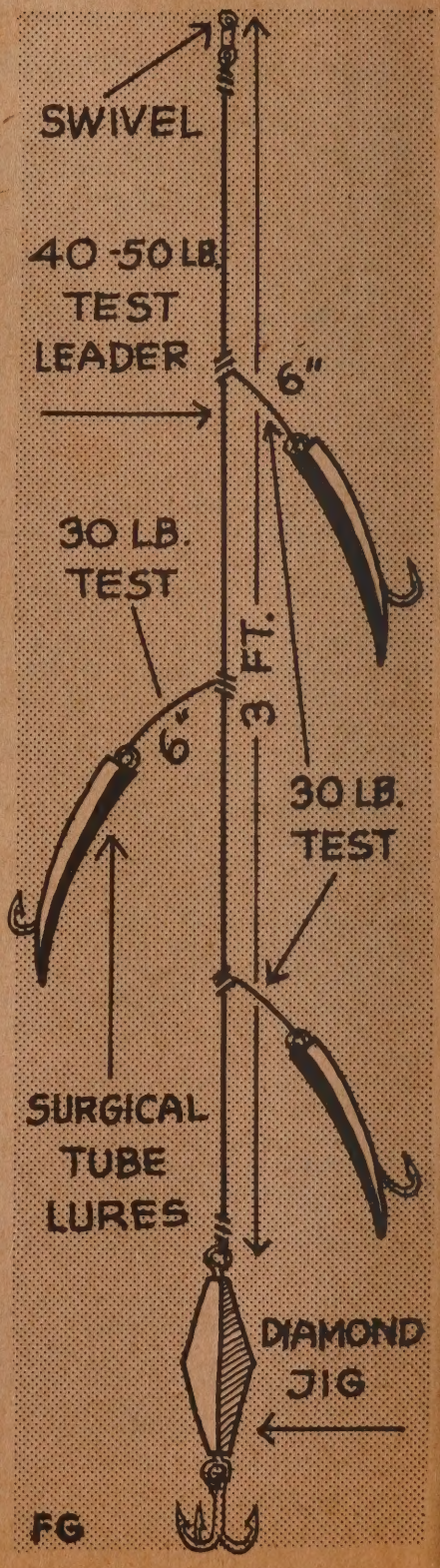
Long before the arrival of such popular gamefish as the bluefish and striped bass, there is one fish that obliges the sport fisherman: that fish is the pollock. The pollock, often called the "Boston Blue", is related to the codfish. Unlike the sluggish codfish that spends most of the time on the bottom, the pollock feeds at all levels—including the surface. Pollock are more voracious than the cod and they will actively pursue baitfish. These qualities have led to the popularity of the pollock as a game fish. Unfortunately, most of the pollock caught by anglers were incidental to codfishing, therefore their sporting qualities were not always demonstrated.

Pollock are not as plentiful as cod, and the season when they are inshore is very short. One of the most popular areas to fish for them when they are inshore is Montauk. Certain areas of Massachusetts and Rhode Island provide fine surf casting for them. As the waters warm, pollock move inshore. This usually happens at the beginning of May. Pollock will feed actively through the month and will depart for the cooler waters up north around the beginning of June. They can be caught during the entire summer at deep water wrecks and ledges, and they make a brief foray inshore once again in the fall, around October or November.

The tackle used for pollock fishing is divided into two categories: trolling tackle and bait or jigging tackle. Since a great portion of the total pollock caught are done so by bait fishermen, a little review of techniques will improve the fisherman's chances.

A regular cod rod of about 6-7 feet in length with a matching reel filled with 40 pound test line is a good, all-around combination. Pollock have large mouths, so big hooks can be used. A 7/0 or 8/0 O'Shaugnessy tied on a three foot leader of 50 pound mono will be sufficient.

If the angler is fishing in grounds frequented by both cod and pollock, he can rig up for both species. The sinker, ranging anywhere from 8 to 12 ounces in weight, is tied to the terminal end of the line. About a foot above the sinker



the codfish hook is attached by means of a three-way swivel. The pollock hook is then tied to the line by means of a three-way swivel about three feet above the codfish hook.

While a pollock will often bite a skimmer clam bait being used, the angler would do better if a whole squid were impaled on the hook. Also an excellent bait for the Boston blue is a large smelt hooked through the eyes and shoulder. If the pollock are the smaller school fish of about 3-5 pounds, then a strip of squid will work better than the whole animal.

If bait fishing isn't your bag, jigging can be very effective: Pollock are suckers for a properly worked diamond jig, and will hit a jig more readily than bait. The same rod used for bait fishing can also be used for jigging. When the pollock are inshore, a lighter boat rod can be used.

The size of the diamond jig being used will be determined by the strength of the current. Jigs will weigh as little as 4 ounces to as much as 12 ounces. Many veteran pollock fishermen attach two or three surgical tubes above the jig in a manner similar to that of a mackerel jig.

The jig is lowered to the bottom and then raised several feet. The rod is raised and lowered at various speeds. If no action results a few more feet of line are taken in and the jigging process begins again.

Another technique calls for the lowering of the entire rig to the bottom and then reeling it very rapidly in to the surface. A strike will come usually at the lower levels, but don't be surprised if a pollock hits the jig near the surface. There is a chance to catch two or three fish at a time if the surge-tubes are used. There is no mistaking the hit of a pollock, since it will attack the jig with emphasis.

Trolling for pollock is very popular with the boatmen who are sharpening up for a season of bass and bluefishing. Since for the most part pollock are near the bottom, the anglers must fish deep for them. The practical way for them to do this is by using wire line, or mono with a trolling sinker, and trolling slowly. The same rigs used for bass and bluefish trolling can be brought into play for pollock.

The most popular rig of late for trolling has been the umbrella rig. Other rigs include surgical tubes or bucktail jigs. Hopkins or Kastmasters are also very effective as trolling weapons. Tide rips, shoals, and reefs or ledges are likely spots to look for pollock.

Every once in a while the pollock will show on the surface, feeding in a manner similar to blues. Chasing baitfish to the surface, the pollock are now susceptible to artificial lures cast to them. Bucktail jigs, Kastmasters or Hopkin's jigs, fished on top with spinning tackle, can be brought into play. A medium action spinning rod and 15 pound test line with a fairly light lure will give the angler the opportunity to really feel the fight of a worthy gamefish.

I had the great luck of coming across a school of medium-sized pollock feeding on the surface two springs ago. Returning from a successful cod trip to Block Island, we saw several gulls working over a small piece of water about a mile off the light. Too soon for bass, we knew it had to be pollock. We brought the Mako upwind and drifted to the surfacing fish. Since we had only one spinning rod on board, we took turns casting the Hopkin's to the fish. The 10 and 12 pound fish gave us a good workout on the spinning tackle. Before the school sounded, we ended up with a dozen nice ones.

Pollock can be caught the year 'round from party boats that fish the deep wrecks. Sheepshead Bay has several boats that make offshore trips for giant cod and pollock. At Montauk, the angler can charter a boat and troll or jig on the inshore waters, or he can go on a partyboat to the offshore grounds. While the pollock doesn't grow as big as his cousin, the cod, (a pollock over thirty pounds is a giant) he more than makes up for this with his fighting abilities. Given half a chance, the pollock will demonstrate the qualities that make this fish deserving of the title gamefish.

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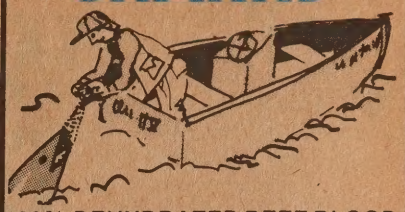

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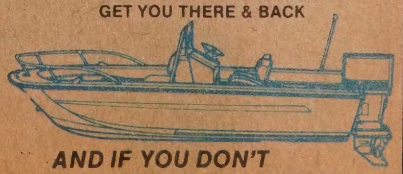

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BAY BUM:

Don't Bum Around When It Comes To First Aid

by Tom Franza

In the last article we discussed certain safety measures which should be undertaken to minimize the risk of mishap or injury. In case you skipped that article, go back and read it. If, however, through no fault of your own, you find yourself in a spot where something has gone wrong, it is a good idea to have a general working knowledge of first aid.

This article is not meant to be a first aid course or to be used in place of a first aid handbook. Nor is it everything you will ever have to know about first aid. First aid can only be taught by a fully qualified instructor or a physician. I am only a fully qualified bay bum. But that does not mean that I can't suggest some of the proper procedures you should know, should the need arise.

First aid as defined by the American Red Cross as "the immediate and temporary care given the victim of an accident or sudden illness until the services of a physician can be obtained." On the bays of Long Island you are never that far from qualified medical help should an emergency arise. This is merely to help you help the victim until such assistance arrives or until you can transport him.

In an emergency get on your radio and call the Coast Guard or flag down a passing boat and have them call for assistance. You can treat minor ailments yourself and this will usually suffice. If there is any doubt in your mind as to the degree of injury, it won't hurt to call your family doctor when you get back to port.

The thing most people worry about on the water is drowning. The first thing to do is to rescue the victim. (See previous article—"Safety First"). If the victim has stopped breathing, begin artificial respiration as quickly as possible. Mouth-to-mouth is the preferred method.

Place one hand behind the victim's neck. With the other hand tilt the head back as far as it will naturally go and pinch his nostrils. Then open your mouth wide and place it over the victim's mouth, using your lips to form a seal. Blow air into his mouth and then remove your mouth, turning your head to the side and listening for the return flow of air. Repeat this process at the rate of about twelve breaths per minute. Use shallow breaths into the nose and mouth at about the rate of twenty per minute in the case of a young child.

You should *never* abandon the victim after only ten or fifteen minutes if he doesn't respond. There have been cases where it has taken three to four hours before drowning victims started breathing on their own again. In other words, do not give up until the victim has been officially pronounced dead by a doctor.

Drowning, thank goodness, is not the problem which you will most often be called upon to deal with. While on the bay it is more likely that you will come across a cut foot, an imbedded fish hook, a bad case of sunburn, sunstroke, sea sickness, or any of a dozen others. Luckly, these are rarely of a serious nature.

If you should cut a foot while clamming or a finger while slicing the evening's roast, cleaning the wound and applying a sterile dressing will be sufficient. If the cut is a deep one, it may be necessary to apply a good deal of pressure to stop the bleeding. The two key things are to keep the wound as clean of sand as possible and, if it was caused by a rusted or dirty object on the beach, to contact your family doctor to see if you will need a tetanus shot. Along with the normal assortment of gauze pads, tape,

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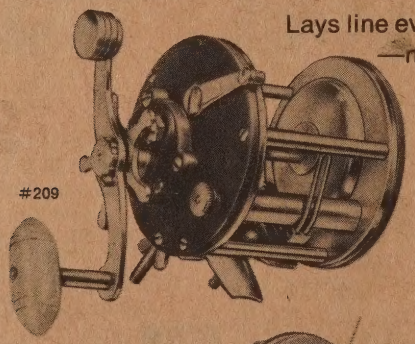

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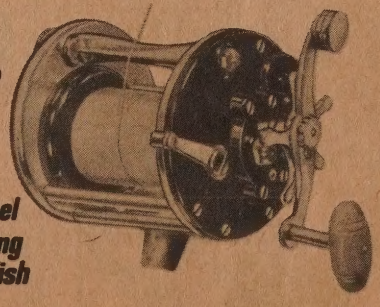

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and band-aids, it is a good idea to keep a few butterfly bandages in your first aid kit. These are excellent for holding a large slice closed while you are on your way back for medical treatment.

An imbedded fish hook in the skin, if it has not gone in too deeply and has not passed the barb, can be removed by simply lifting it out. Should the barb be completely buried, it may be necessary to push the hook completely through the flesh until the barb has come through and out (See figure 1). Then snip off the barb and withdraw the hook. If the hook is not in a fleshy part, but rather in a dangerous area, such as near an eye, do not try to remove it yourself. Instead, try to immobilize it and immediately seek professional help. After you do remove a hook from your skin, call your doctor when you get back home. Calling him is a necessity if a redness and streaking should occur around the wound.

Sunburn is a very painful experience. Despite all of the warnings against too much sun too early in the season, most of us tend to overdo it and end up in pain. Relief from mild pain of sunburn may be obtained by applying cold cream or any of the commercial preparations and sprays that are available in your local drugstore. In the case of severe sunburn accompanied by blistering, headache, or fever above 101 degrees, it is necessary to seek medical aid as rapidly as possible.

Sunstroke can cause the body temperature to rise very quickly. Have the victim lay down in a cool area and loosen his clothing. Sponge the head and body with equal parts of rubbing alcohol and tepid water. This will help reduce the body temperature which will often climb to 106 degrees. Fan the victim and have him drink a solution of ½ teaspoon of salt in ½ glass of water every 15 minutes for an hour. Massage the extremities, working all movements towards the heart, while bringing him to the nearest doctor or hospital.

Sea sickness is one of those things that is easier to prevent than to cure. Sea sickness is really motion sickness. This is caused by an over-stimulation of the semicircular canals of the inner ear. When these over-react to motion your sense of balance is disturbed. This results in the aforementioned mal-demer. There are pills which your doctor can prescribe, and these should help to prevent this from occurring.

All of this sage advice does not do someone on your boat any good if he has forgotten to take his pills and suddenly finds himself nauseous. If this is the case, get this human chum line quickly above decks where he can breathe some fresh air. Warning! Do not stand downwind of him. Get his mind onto something else, if possible, as this will often help as well. Finally, give him small amounts of the simplest foods and fluids at short intervals; large, kosher dill pickles are not recommended in this instance.

More seriously, there are a few general things that you should always keep in mind. See to it that your first aid kit is full. The ones they sell in stores are cute, but are not nearly as good as one which you put together yourself. Include in it various sizes of gauze pads, tape, bank-aids, a triangular bandage, aspirins, motion sickness pills, hydrogen peroxide, alcohol, iodine, first aid cream, cold cream, calamine lotion (for insect bites), a blunt-nosed scissors, and anything else you feel you might need. This may sound like a heck of a lot of stuff, but it can all be stowed very neatly in a waterproof Tupperware container. The amount of room that this will take up will never be missed and every time you need these supplies on the

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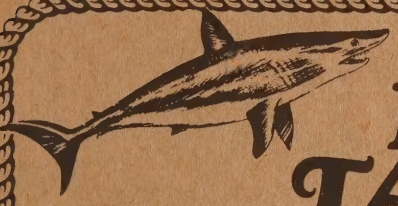

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Accidental Shark

by Charles Berwind

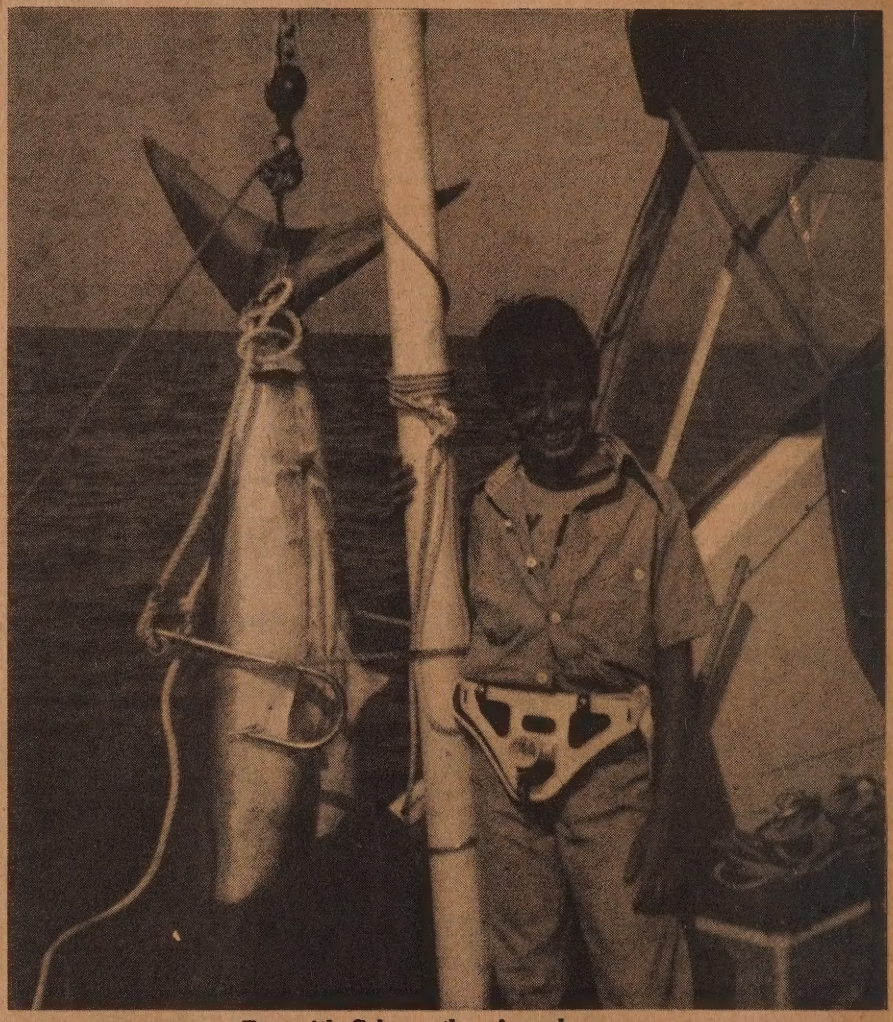
It was the middle of June and the weekend was approaching. No definite decision had been made as to what we would fish for. We heard the blues were off shore and that the action was good once you found them, or vice versa. My wife and first mate, Pat, checked with the weather department and the forecast assured us it was going to be a beautiful day, perfect for fishing—mucho sunshine, mild breeze, just right for drifting.

We phoned friends of ours, Arthur and Terry Conforti, who we had been promising to take fishing forever but never got around to. "Great", they said, "What time do you want us at the dock?" I told them five o'clock and they thought that was rather late in the afternoon to go fishing. "That's very funny," I said, "But the boat sails at five, with or without you." Still snickering, they agreed to be there—and they were.

We left East Rockaway and headed for Jones Inlet in our 28 foot Salty Dog Uniflite named "Four Winds". My two sons, Charlie, age 12, and Brian, age 8, who always fish with us were brainwashing each other on how we were going to murder the blues. When we reached ninety feet of water I eased back on the throttles and quietly slid into where I hoped the blues were awaiting us. After an hour of fruitless chumming I realized this was not their waiting room and, with enthusiastic approval from the crew, headed for deeper water.

In fifteen minutes the bleeps on the depth recorder indicated 130 feet of water. However, the marks on the fish finder insisted we were fishing in a desert. Twenty minutes was invested building a solid chum slick when finally we noticed a bluefish lazily feeding on the bits of bunker chum that was slowly sinking beneath the crystal clear water only a few feet from the boat. Terry reeled in and let her hook, baited with a mackerel chunk, drift tantalizingly in front of the blue, who sniffed at it occasionally but surprisingly wouldn't hit, being more than content to feed on the morsels of chum that fluttered down.

I took Terry's hook and reached into the chum can and rolled a wad of chum about the size of a Sweedish meatball, then stuck the hook in and carefully eased it into the water with enough slack so the hook wouldn't pull. Up dollied the chum-loving bluefish and—whamo! Our first slammer was landed, a twelve pound beauty. The start was all we needed, poles began to bend and soon bluefish were doing flip-flops in the fish well. We boated over twenty and lost at least that many by mid-afternoon.



Boy with fish on the gin pole.

Chas was fishing with a 4/0 reel spooled with 50 pound mono and a whippy bluefish rod I had bought Pat for Mother's Day the month before. However, the new equipment wasn't working very well for him. He was letting the blues run much too long to the point where they'd gulp down the 4" wire leader, snap swivel and all, and he'd come up with a frayed piece of monofilament where the chopper did his thing. After tying on two snap swivels and hooks, accompanied by instructions to the boy to pull sooner, I decided to make him a longer leader so I could fish for awhile. I found a loose piece of wire, 80 pound test about 18" long, kicking around in a pail where we keep assorted fishing equipment. I tied on a 6/0 hook with a haywire twist and attached it to his snap swivel.

While Chas was letting his bait sink, Arthur was doing the tarantella trying

to corral two lively bluefish that the girls just pulled in at the stern. "Dad, something big has my line!" Chas yelled. With few, quick steps I was bent over the side to catch a fleeting glimpse of a king-sized shark heading out for points unknown. The reel screamed as the line left the spool at an unbelievable rate. Arthur quickly doused the scorching hot reel with water as the monster went deeper and deeper. Suddenly the line began to get strung out straight as it sizzled and zipped through the water with razor-like precision. Foam leaped from the water as this tremendous hulk sky-rocketed into the air.

"Mako!" I yelled as the fish landed with the splash of a falling aircraft. Chas survived the first run and leap and the three leaps that followed. Why this acrobat never landed on the mono during one of his cartwheel flips will never cease to amaze me. Three hours later the battle was still going on between an 80 pound boy and a 323 pound Mako, with the outcome up for grabs.

The shark was being fought off the corner of the boat in an up and down seesaw tug-of-war which afforded me another opportunity to leave the wheel and give my son some first-hand encouragement. When I reached the stern and looked at him I knew that added words of encouragement would do little good. Fatigue was etched across his young face, tears were welled up in his eyes and he turned his face so I wouldn't see. I sat on the transom for a while and noticed the shark was still dogging it but not taking much line.

"You're doing great, Chas," I said.

"I can't hold out much longer," he replied as the tears silently streamed down his cheeks in an even flow.

"You wanna quit? 'Cause if you do, just hand over the rod." The no-sympathy approach on my part didn't go over big as I noticed distinct frowns on the crew, most especially my wife.

"NO WAY!" he said, and the rhythmic pumping motion of the undersized rod began once again. Line began to appear on the reel and the final outcome of this grueling encounter was near at hand. The shark surfaced in a huge whirlpool 30 yards off the stern.

"He's ready to be taken," I yelled, "Pump him in slow and steady."

The words were no sooner spoken when, with a sudden burst of fury, the fish set out on top of the water towards the bow in a do or die frenzied run. The reel screamed in an unbroken tone and the spool had the movement of a runaway sewing machine. I chased the giant, bow first, as the line on the reel rapidly disappeared.

The speed was kept at a pace at which line could be taken without giving too much slack. Chas reeled constantly as I slowly crept forward. Line once again began to fill the reel and, within fifteen minutes, the huge mako was no more than twenty yards from the boat. This was it!

"Do it now Chas," I yelled, and, with a steady pumping motion, the fish neared the boat.

The engines were put in neutral, the flying gaff was readied. With 18" of wire leader it's needless to say we didn't need a leader man. The gallant fighter was slowly glided into gaffing range. Its mouth was agape in a fixed sneer and its white teeth sparkling were protruding like a fist full of bent nails. With one sudden upward thrust the exhausting contest was over. The gaff rope that was secured to the cleat became taut.

I slowly pulled the vanquished monster to the surface. The flying gaff had only pierced an inch of his outer skin and was threaded through like a needle, but his cast iron-like armor plate held without problem. The forked tail was eased out of the water and Pat fastened the tail rope. Cheers and congratulations rung throughout the cockpit of the Four Winds as the mako was hoisted on the gin pole. I was extremely proud of my son's feat and the team work of the crew.

We headed back for Jones Inlet. It was still and the day was closing. With two well-tuned 225 H.P. engines, the trip back on a mirror-like ocean was sheer pleasure. As we were approaching the inlet I turned to give the ocean one more glimpse before we left it for the day. What a magnificent sight. "Look at that!" I said, pointing skyward towards the horizon. The rays, like inverted icicles, broke through the clouds that surrounded the sun in an unusual array of colorful brilliance. The ocean, as if magically held motionless, was God's drawing board and every vivid scene a stroke of masterful artistry that was brushed indelibly into our minds—all because of the "Accidental Shark".

Catching Sea Bass

by Matt Ahern

Once recognized as the main stay of the local fishing fleet, the sea bass knew no peer and could always be depended upon to fill the angler's sack to overflowing.

Then, without warning, this royal warrior began to decline in numbers, leaving Long Island fishermen dangling hooks in wondering frustration. As the years passed, the bass became less and less available and most party boat skippers turned to other fish. Especially when their passengers demanded more action.

As more sea bass were caught last summer than in all the poor years put together, perhaps it will be well worthwhile to plan on giving them a try this year. If you've never fished for this distant relative of the striper, you are in for at least one pleasant surprise: they are ridiculously easy to catch!

The first sea bass begin arriving off Long Island about the third week in May, but fishing doesn't really start until early June. They aren't water temperature conscious as some fish, as ling are often taken with the bass when wreck fishing at this time of year.

The largest concentrations are from Delaware to Massachusetts, with a few straggling to Maine, but the greatest amounts take up housekeeping from northern New Jersey to Long Island, and throughout the deeper waters of Long Island Sound which makes them available to the Connecticut fishermen.

This handsome fish, with the deep indigo coloration and white pebbled scales, is not a large fish. The average caught will probably weigh a pound to a pound and a half. His large head and fins lend him the appearance of being twice as heavy, and I'm often skeptical of reports telling of huge amounts of five and six pound fish. Ocean-going fish will occasionally reach this weight, but they are few and far between. The largest on record was a little better than eight pounds.

The tackle for sea bass need not be elaborate, the only requirement being it should be sturdy enough to use in fairly deep water where currents are apt to be strong, such as around sunken wrecks and rocky ledges. The sea bass is one fish liking a generous amount of water overhead; seldom are they caught in shallow areas.

These requirements automatically eliminate the use of light spinning tackle, because of the sinker weight necessary to get down and hold in this deeper water. There are times sea bass are caught in depths as little as twenty feet, particularly around breakwaters, and you might be able to get by with medium-weight spinning equipment. However, a medium-weight conventional rod and reel is a better choice. The reel should be filled with at least thirty pound test monofilament.

Sometimes deep water creeks hold sea bass. Usually they will be found close to the bank in at least 20 feet of water. This is where spinning tackle on the lighter side can be used.

Terminal tackle requirements are simple.

The bank sinker is best to use because its tear-drop shape enables it to slide over obstructions. Sinkers will run in weight anywhere from five ounces around moderately deep wrecks, up to eight ounces and more on open, rocky bottom such as the Cholera Banks, 17 Fathoms Bank, The Farms, The Angler Banks, et cetera. Because of this type bottom, it is wise to carry plenty of spare sinkers and hooks. If you fish from a party boat, these can be purchased aboard if necessary.

As for hooks, the best type is the Sproat in sizes ranging from 3/0 to 5/0. Like all bass, the sea bass is blessed with a generous mouth, so large hooks can be used, but it isn't necessary to go beyond the 5/0. The snells should be at least 30 pound test leader material. Some fishermen frown on anything less than 40 pounds because of the obstructions sea bass love to prowl around in.

The best rig-up is the common deep-sea high-low rig. It isn't necessary to use three-way swivels. With these you are more apt to become fouled when fishing really "sticky" bottom.

If your hooks have ten inch snells, tie the first one that far above the sinker. The same with twelve inch snells, and so forth. The second hook is placed high enough to clear the lower one by a few inches. Sea bass aren't true bottom feeders, like the flounder and, especially around wrecks, most of your bass will take the top hook.

Porgies often share the same grounds with sea bass, and should you find them stealing your bait, replace the lower hook with a 1/0 and add them to your

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catch. Many times blackfish are found, too, but unless you are fishing a choice location, most of these will be small. The large blacks are in deeper, colder waters awaiting the arrival of autumn.

Sea bass will take a variety of baits, the most popular being skimmer clam which is easily obtained and readily accepted by the fish. Strips of sea bass, or other fish bait also work well. So do live killies. One of the better baits is squid, which should be cut into three to four inch strips. Run the hook through two or three times and allow a portion to hang from the end. If the squid is pounded lightly with a mallet, it will exude juices which often attract the larger bass.

I recall one day in early June while fishing for ling on the Subway Grounds south of the old Ambrose Lightship. We began to pick up a few early-run sea bass. The next day we came out armed with squid and filled every butter tub and barrel on board with hump-back bass from two to three pounds. So don't overlook the possibility of squid doing the same thing for you.

Sea bass dote on a moving tide and they will often stop hitting on slack water. You can get them to bite again by lowering a diamond jig tipped with squid. Flash it off the bottom with short, snappy flips of the rod tip. They will grab hold immediately.

Some days you will find the bass hitting only a moving bait, and it is always good practice to jig the line a bit. You will notice the bass hitting solidly when this is done. They aren't one bit shy.

A word of caution when removing sea bass from the hook: these fish are endowed with a dorsal fin armed with strong, needle-sharp spines. If they are handled carelessly, alive or dead, the

fisherman can expect sore fingers for several days thereafter. The best way to unhook them is to insert a thumb in the lower jaw and bend down. The bass will become perfectly still, allowing you to remove the hook with ease.

Sea bass are delicious eating. The meat is white and sweet. Even in the days of plenty, premium prices were always obtained in the commercial market. Try some baked or broiled, or pan-fry some fillets to mouth-watering goodness, and you'll soon discover why.

Late reports from their wintering range give promise of at least as many sea bass as last year, and perhaps more. Don't fail to give them a try, and if we're lucky they may once again be called the "mainstay of the fishing fleet".

BAY BUM: First Aid
(Continued from page 13.)

water, you will bless the day you made your kit.

Never give an unconscious person anything to drink and never administer alcohol internally as a first aid measure. Remember to keep a severely injured person calm and lying down. Guard against shock when necessary by keeping the victim flat on his back, with a blanket over and under him to keep him warm and his legs raised slightly higher than his head.

Nothing can better prepare you for an emergency than taking a Red Cross First Aid course. Read a first aid handbook from cover to cover and learn what to do in an emergency. This will stand you in good stead whether on the bay or off.

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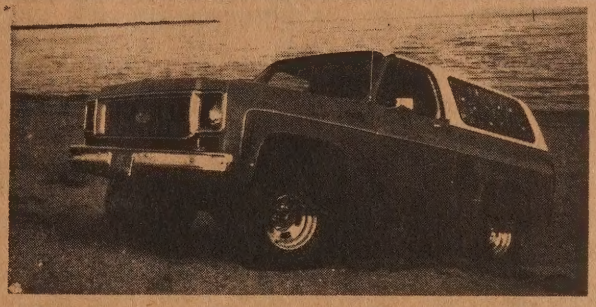

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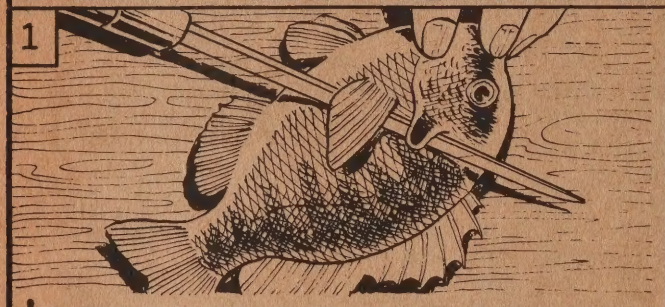

IT COULD TAKE HOURS TO SCALE AND CLEAN A MESS OF PANFISH SUCH AS SUNNIES AND CRAPPIES. A SHORTER WAY IS TO TAKE A FILLET KNIFE AND CUT DOWN TO THE BACKBONE.

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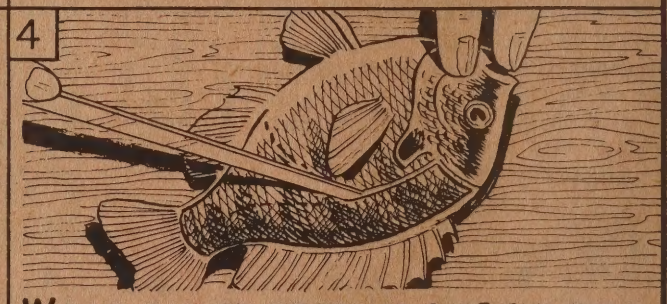

WITH THE KNIFE TIP RIDING OVER THE UPPER EDGE OF THE RIB CAGE, FOLLOW THE LATERAL LINE, LOWERING THE CUT UNTILL IT MEETS THE VENTRAL AREA - NOW THE FILLET POPS OUT.

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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

MONTAUK

Henry Colombi of Star Island Yacht Club reports good all around striped bass and fluke fishing. The **Marie II** had two good days trolling bass off the point in the daytime. Stan Holler of Rockville Centre caught a 53½ pound bass on an umbrella armed with Capt. Sekora's tubes.

The **Ebb Tide** captained by John Sweetman had 15 fluke on Friday to 11 pounds and another ten on Saturday to six pounds. They all came out of the North Rips. Most of the private boats that went out had catches of either fluke or striped bass.

The **Jigger III** has been fishing the rips off Montauk Point with good success on fluke. Hi-hook has been 19 fluke with little throwbacks. The fish go between two to four pounds.

Steve Sekora of the **Easy Rider** said the bass fishing has tapered off with more and more bluefish showing up. Bass are there for those willing to work at trolling for them. On Saturday they went fishing for shark. Eight blue sharks were caught and all were released except one. Steve said the waters offshore are warming up and marlin and tuna are expected soon.

Capt. Whitey Bateman of the **Four Queens** said the bass and blue fishing on Friday evening was poor and you had to scratch hard to come up with fish. Even so, he came up with two bass on bucktails, one 20 pounds and the other 25. Fluking on Saturday and Sunday was very good with fish of five and six pounds coming aboard.

Fantastic codfishing at Cox Ledge continues unabated for the **Viking Star** according to Captain Paul Forsberg. An example of this was Carl Miller of New York who caught a 65 pound codfish on Saturday.

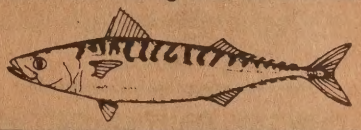
The **Viking Starlite** has had very good fluke fishing under the able direction of Charlie Harned.

Capt. George Glas of the **Hel-Cat** says Block Island cod are as plentiful as ever.

The **Helen II** captained by Brad Glas has had excellent fluke fishing. The fish range in size from keepers to pool winner of ten pounds with very few shorts. Catches have been as high as 15 keepers.

Tuma's Tackle reports striped bass trollers picking up fish from 15 to 35 pounds. Very few school size fish are being caught among these fish. Bluefish in the five to ten pound range are also being caught along with these bass. Fluke fishing outshines the rest of the fishing scene and continues to reward the angler with good catches.

Eleven-year-old Scott Ashley of Brooklyn caught this 46-lb. codfish aboard the Viking Star at Montauk.



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The **Viking Skipper** reports the cod and pollock are continuing to be caught in good numbers at Block Island. Charley Nitka landed a 53 pound cod to take the pool.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand of the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said that fishing was poor over the weekend due to poor weather. Porgies are starting to show more locally at can 3. The fish are running 1-1½ lbs. and are mixed with a few sea bass. A few fluke are being taken drifting in the rip off Cartwright Island. Blues 2-4 lbs. are being plugged in the same area and Cherry Island.

SAG HARBOR

Helen of the **Noyac Marina** said that the weakfishing has picked up from recent weeks. On Saturday, Ken Burns and his wife Jane and son Kenny, of Valley Stream, fished buoy 16 heading toward Jessups Neck with hi-lo rigs baited with squid strips. They scored with 11 weakfish in two hours, including a double-header of two 4-lb. weaks for Jane. Danny Melis and son Dennis of the Jim Flynn Sportsmen Club fished the Monastery with squid and took 15 weakfish 4-5 lbs. and one bluefish of 6½ lbs. Jeff Smith and friends Brian and Shawn Toal fished the rips off Jessups Neck by buoy 17 and took seventeen bluefish up to 7-lbs. on popping plugs and Hopkins.

SHINNECOCK

Hank of **C. Altenkirch & Son** summed up the weekend fishing in two worlds. "It rained!" But there's still plenty of fluke in Shinnecock Bay and Canal. Monster bluefish of 14-lbs. were taken by shark chummers in 150 feet of water.

Both of the **Capt. Clark** boats are fishing Peconic Bay for porgies and weakfish. Results have only been fair, but improved weather should bring good fishing all around.

HAMPTON BAYS

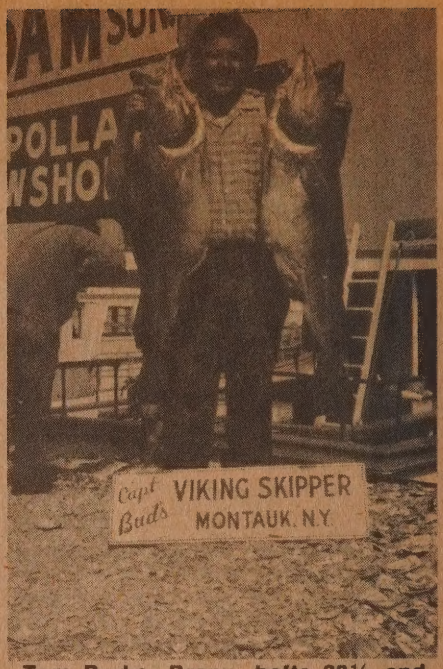
Frank Muller of **Frank's Fishing Station** said the weather has hindered fishing considerably. But on both Saturday and Sunday mornings before the weather soured school size blues and bass were being taken by the Ponquogue Bridge on Rebels. Fluke holding up, just need improved weather conditions.

Mrs. Tony of **Tony's Fishing Station** reports good bluefishing inside the inlet and on the east side of the Ponquogue Bridge. Fluke are good further back in the flats, fishing slowed up due to weather and the bluefish. Still good flounder fishing right in front of Tony's at high tide.

MORICHES BAY

Fred of **Hi-Way Fishing Station** reports very good flounder fishing between buoys 29 to 32. The best fishing occurred at the change of the tide. Fluke fishing has been slow although some nice size fluke of 19 inches were picked up at buoy 42 at the change of the tide at the top.

Tadsen's Fishing Station had good flounder fishing; reports of good size fish from three quarters to two pounds. These fish have been caught between buoys 29 and 30. The fluke action is slow and the fish are light in color which indicates ocean fish coming in to feed and fatten up. Ben says to make sure the fish are better than 14 inches from the fork in the tail to the nose.



Tom Burke, Bronx, hefts 38½ and 43 lb. cod he caught in the Block Island area aboard the Viking Skipper.

Frank at **Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station** said the fluke fishermen are coming in with from six to 12 a boat. Bob Levy of the Bronx picked up one of 13½ pounds outside of the New Cut on the incoming tide. This fish took a squid-killie rig. Flounder fishing, according to Frank is excellent fro buoy 29 to 32 in the channels with catches as high as 200.

Romona Seifert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** said the flounder fishing is excellent. Fluke fishing in the past week has been up and down ranging from excellent to poor. Flounder fishing will continue to be good as the water is still cold. Both fluke and flounder fishing is best around the dredge.

Chet at **B & B Tackle** reports good shark fishing south of Moriches Inlet in about 170 feet of water. Capt. Tony Bozella of the Blue Fin had eight blue shark on Saturday to 150 pounds all of which were released. Capt. Leo Boyce on the Patricia Lee caught and released 150 blue shark. Both boats caught many eight to ten pound bluefish. Flounders and fluke are generally holding up good. Fluke fishing seems better on the flats away from the inlet. Eight to ten pound bluefish at buoy 42 on line bunker were caught by Paul and Jerry Shene and Bill Everett of the Moriches area.

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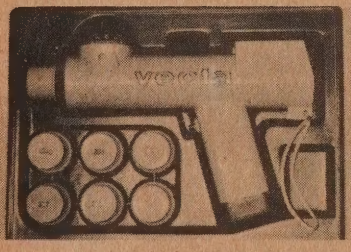
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reports excellent fluke action. Weakfish action seems to be picking up again for casters using a Hopkins. The fish are being taken from buoy 17 to the Bridge. A lot of blues weighing seven or eight pounds are being caught around buoy 24. These blues take either weakfish lures or the bait on the fluke rigs.

WEST SAYVILLE

Good bluefishing off the Ocean Beach area according to Dick Yonda at the **American Sportsman**. The weakfish are scattered now and only occasional catches are being reported. Fluke fishing at buoy 4 and on the flats at buoy 3 continues to improve daily. Trolling for blues in the Islip area with tubes have produced five pound blues.

Dennis Masterson at **South Bay Fishing** says that fluke fishing is now matching the good results that were had on the weaks around Heckscher. Brown's River is holding a good body of fluke. Schools of bluefish have been spotted throughout the bay.

Young's Fishing Station reports weaks are about gone, but fluke are coming into the boats at a good clip. Also, blues to 4 lbs. are being taken between buoys 30 & 29 (W. of Browns River) on poppers.

CAPTREE

George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** called to report they have caught weakfish in the daytime during the past week. They have caught between 80 to 175 weaks each day that ranged between one and one half to seven pounds. On Saturday and Sunday it was weakfish in the A.M. and fluke in the P.M. The fluke are taking bait as well as the shrimp lures meant for weaks.

Capt. Mazziotta of the Charterboat **Blue Albatross** had about 15 weaks on Wednesday. Over the weekend they were fishing for weaks in the morning and fluke in the afternoon. Joe Cohen of Riverdale had an eight pound blue on a fluke rig in the inlet.

Speedy V has had fairly good fluke during the week. Weakfishing in the evenings are also continuing good.

Capt. Joseph's Fleet are all picking up a few fluke. Bluefishing is expected to start next week.

Mrs. Litwin of the **Capt. Ben Litwin** said the fluke fishing has pooped. It is a slow pick for everyone. Bluefishing is expected to start next week when they come in.

BABYLON

Capt. Bob Bryant of the charterboat **Shotgun-Two** called to tell about the fantastic shark fishing he found south of Fire Island Inlet. He took the Shotgun Two out 65 miles to 190 feet of water where the water temperature is five degrees warmer than inshore. Chumming with bunker and whole mackerel for bait, they raised literally dozens of sharks. It reached the point where they pulled in their baits and picked out the sharks they wanted. Final score was sixteen sharks, including 14 blue sharks up to 197-lbs., 1 mako of 87-lbs. and 1 dusky.

Mario at **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** said the fishing has dropped off considerably. A few fluke and weakfish were picked up between the Babylon Pool and the Bridge.

George Rose called to tell us of a 4 lb. 4 oz. chain pickerel he caught at Sudders Pond in Babylon on a live 8" shiner. The trophy fish was weighed in at Augie's Bait & Tackle.

Babylon Fishing Station reports fluke fishing fair at Snakehill and Dickerson Channels using squid and killie rigs. Weakfish at Dickerson Channel heading south are taking the Lupo lure with a squid strip.

LINDENHURST

The **Sea Horse** has been doing quite well on the fluke in the State Channel. Capt. Hoffman says catches have been about 10 or 12 a person with no trouble. Big blackback fluke of four and five pounds have been caught up on the flats. A couple of good sized bluefish took the bait intended for the fluke. Throwbacks on the fluke are at a minimum.

Charlie's Bait & Tackle reports the bluefish are in. They are at the Lighthouse. Twelve year old Mary O'Donnel caught a six and a half pound blue off the dock at Captree. Fluke are feeding on sand eels in the inlet and under the

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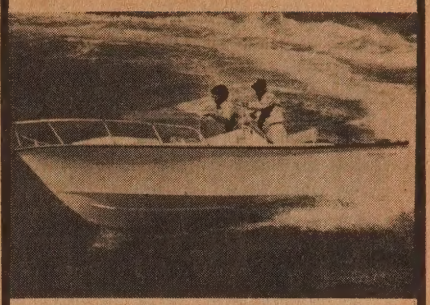

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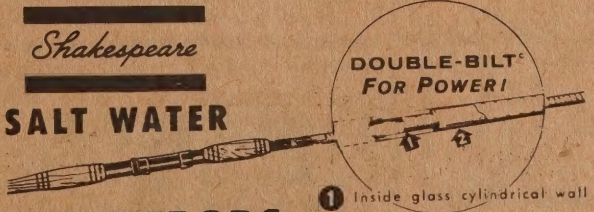

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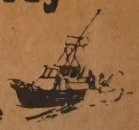

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James Boujai, Bronx, holds a 50-lb. cod in his lap that he caught aboard the Marlin III out of Montauk.

Moses Bridge. Blackfish are on the artificial reef off Ocean Beach. Weakfish are being taken but not like the past few weeks.

AMITYVILLE

George Comb's Bait & Tackle said the fluke are holding up fair. West Island is the best spot. Shrimp chumming for weaks in the State Channel is pretty good. About three to eight bass per tide can be picked up at the Measured Mile by using clam chum on the outgoing tide. Plugging for bass has been pretty slow. Live lining with bunker or eels at the Wantagh Bridges has gotten some pretty big bass.

SEAFORD

Mike's Fishing Station in Seaford reports very good fluking in the local bays and channels. Worth mentioning is that on Friday, 1st time fisherman Bob Levitz rented a boat from Mike and out in Jones Inlet, took 9 keeper fluke, largest 6 lbs., 2 oz. on killie/squid combo on a running tide.

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reported that fluke fishing has picked up and is better. Drifting squid and killie combo by the Short Beach C.G. Station & Jones Beach piers is pretty good. Blues came in last week and were caught on the drifting fluke rigs. The blues run about six pounds. The State Channel from the Wantagh Bridge to Tobay Beach provides weakfish to the fisherman with a shrimp lure tipped with squid.

WANTAGH

Causeway Bait & Tackle reported striped bass from 17 to 37 pounds have been caught off the jetties at the Inlet by anglers using bunker. Good fluke fishing drifting the State Channel and the Inlet. Flounders are around for those who try for them. Blackfish at the bridges. Al Greer of Freeport came in with a nice catch of fine weakfish that he caught at Heckscher Park using shrimp lures.

NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop reports weakfish off Greenport and at Pipes Cove which are taking shrimp lures and squid & worm bait. Big blackfish at Gardiner's and Plum Island. These five to eight pound blacks are taking fiddlers and green crabs. A few big fluke to 14 pounds have been caught on the east side of Gardiner's Island on sand eels and squid. Striped bass pluggers at Marion Beach are pulling in some six and seven pounders while jiggers and deep trollers have caught a few 30 to 40 pound bass in the Plum Gut.

SOUTHOLD

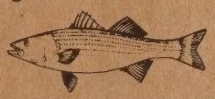
Weakfish are being caught on squid strips north of Paradise Point said Peter Liblien of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station**. Fluke are still being caught at Beixedon. Listen to the Libliens on the proper method to rig for these fish and you will catch them. Porgies on worms and clams at buoy 18. Blues on 6 oz. diamond jigs at buoy 17. Big striped bass being trolled on umbrella rigs at the Plum Gut.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports porgies in good at Cows Neck taking worms and clams. Both weakfish and porgies at the North Race on the outgoing tide. Stay in one spot and be patient for best results. A few blues have been spotted but nothing solid as yet.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue said fishing for weaks and porgies has been spotty. A few bluefish have been caught.



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Lou Anne Zarrella caught this 6½ lb. weakfish south of Robins Island on a Lupo pink shrimp with a rod her father made for her.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Dick's Tackle reports a mixed bag of blacks, flounders and porgies, with porgies the best bet. A few bass have been taken all over on either worms or bucktails.

Earl at **Queensland Cove Tackle** said the blackfish are still good. Some as big as 11 pounds have been caught and divers have seen a few so big they did not want to touch them. Porgies are the best bet right now.

PORT JEFFERSON

The **Betty W** reported fair to excellent fishing for the open boats during the week. Mixed bags of blackfish, sea bass and porgies with blacks in the 5 to 7 pound range taking the pool. Fishing slowed on both Friday and Saturday. Sunday improved considerably—the Co-Op City Anglers did very good on porgies Sunday morning, and the Mulrooney family did very well on porgies and blackfish up to 5-lbs. on a Sunday afternoon trip.

The **Port Jeff Ace** reports the blackfish were very good during the week. The blacks went from four to ten pounds. On the weekend the porgies took over and have reached three pounds in size.

Caraftis Fishing Station informs us that there are lots of porgies and blacks, striped bass on trolled and drifting worms at the Narrows, east side of the harbor, Crane's Neck and Old Field Point. Swimming plugs have taken some bass at Crane's Neck & Old Field. Weakfish in the very early morning in Conscience Bay on worms intended for bass.

SMITHTOWN BAY

Tim Flemming at **Smithtown Sports** reports small stripers being taken on artificial eels at the Brickyard. Nice size blacks to seven pounds were taken on blood worms off Crane's Neck. Flounders are still being caught at the mouth of the Nissequogue River. Also at the mouth of the river a few small stripers were taken on the outgoing tide on worms.

NORTHPORT

Pete at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** reports trollers using Cape Cod spinners with worm or bucktails with pork rind have caught school bass. Bigger bass have been reported but not seen by Pete. Blackfishat Eaton's Neck on clams.

Chainlocker reports striped bass in Northport Bay on both drifted and trolled worms. Line eels are throughout the bay and rigged eels will also take striped bass. Blacks and porgies are at Sand City.

HUNTINGTON

The boat **Kids Two** from Regal Marine reports bluefish being picked up drifting mackerel chunks on the incoming tide north of Target Rock to Lloyd Point. Weakfish have been taken drifting over the sandbar in Lloyd Harbor using an unweighted rig with sandworms and squid. The fish went over three pounds.

Capt. Don Constantine of the **Ever-Ready Fleet** said the fishing has been a mixed bag of porgies and blacks. Flounders have been coming in pretty good also. On July 1 he will be night bottom fishing for stripers and weaks from 7:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. Starting July 5 he will run open boat from 1 to 5 P.M.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Veteran's Fishing Station reports big stripers being caught by trollers on the east channel from the head of the harbor to Whitewood Point. These bass have gone from 30 to 45 pounds. Blackfish being taken at Whitewood Point on fiddlers.

GLEN COVE

Glen Cove Sports reports bunker are all over the Glen Cove area. Striper fishermen should snag a few and line them for lunker size bass. Johnny Martin fishing from shore at Mattinecock Point caught a 13 pound 7 oz. bass on Saturday at dawn but did not mention his method. Peter Kulacy caught a 10½ pound black from the Bayville shore using fiddlers on Thursday night. Small blues of from three to four pounds have been caught sporadically from Execution Rocks to Lloyds Neck.

CITY ISLAND

The **New Apache** has been picking up plenty of porgies and blacks. The Smithtown Bay area has been very good this past week. A few good-size weak and sea bass also were caught.

Jack's Bait & Tackle reports blacks are around in good numbers. A few harbor blues have been taken around and at Turtle Cove. Striped bass at Harts Island and Sands Point on cut mackerel bait or drifted worms.

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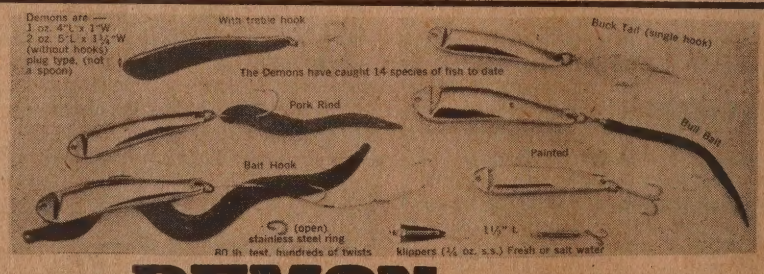
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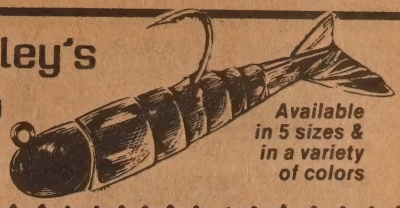
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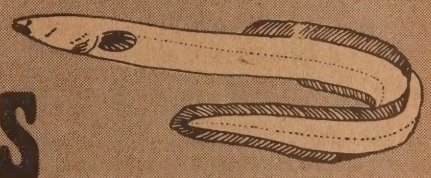
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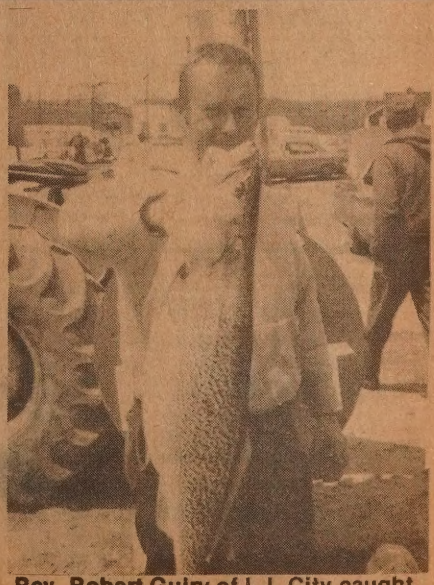

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The **Nite-Owl** hung 2 100 lb. blue sharks on Saturday, 150° S.E. of the inlet, on mackerel, and Sunday, boated 43 blues 10-15 lbs. for a happy but tired bunch.

The **Capt. Jack VI**, sailing open, is scoring heavily on fluke, boating over 1000 keepers last week. On Thursday, Frank Ricupoto of Brooklyn had 41 keepers and took the pool with a 5½ lb. fluke. Several blues were taken on fluke rigs.

The **Starstream II** reports fair bluefishing, landing 30-35 per trip, but the fish are big and mean, running 6-12 lbs. Many fish are being dropped, due to hooks not being set fast enough. Capt. Richie Kessinger says to expect rapid improvement as the schools build and move closer.

Roy at **Mako Marina** reports lots of blues taken Saturday and Sunday. George Hubschmidt, Ray Link & Tom Mulligan of the Freeport Tuna Club got 46 blues up to 16¼ lbs. S.E. in 110' of water.

Ron Van Dyner of Atlantis Anglers got a 5½ pounder Saturday A.M. at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Joe Long of the Hudson Anglers on the **"Marimae"**, Tony Froitzheim, Phil Kaminski, Don Portorico & Paul Bardenhagen boated 600 lbs. of tilefish at the Hudson Canyon on Saturday, leaving 3 A.M. and returning 9:30 P.M.

Capt. Steve of the **Sea Hunter** called to say he'll be sailing open Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. nites at 7 P.M. for blues.

Nick from the **Freeport Boatman's Ass'n.** reports that on Saturday, **Norseman II** had 60 blues up to 8 lbs. for 18 fares at Cholera & Three Sisters, chumming. The **Capt. Hall** fished the inlet & Coast Guard Station and had good fluke to 3 lbs., with a 5 lb. pool fish on Sat. The **Blue Fin** brought in 154 flounder up to 2 lbs. on Sat., taken on worms at Swift Creek on outgoing water. The **Capt. Joe** came in Sat. with 5 shark.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the **Angler II** is getting blues every day at Cholera, chumming squid and bunker backs. Fishing are ranging from 5-10 lbs., and catches are from fair to excellent. Catches average 7 per man and things are improving each day, says Art.

Ed's Fishing Station reports very good fluking up to Sunday in Jones Inlet & Reynolds Channel, buoys 16, 18 & 20 on incoming water. For a pleasant surprise, try trolling live bait on the bottom against the tide. A lot of big flounder in Swift Creek on worm & clam. Blacks at Meadowbrook & Swift Creek Bridges on fiddlers.

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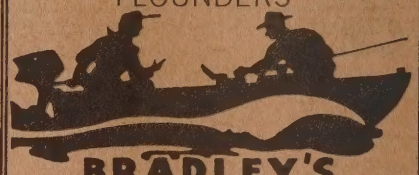

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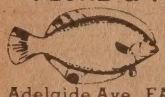

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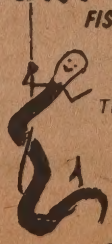

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The **Nova V** was shark fishing on Saturday and picked 2 porbeagles in the 150 lb. class.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **"Kim"** called to say there was very good striped bass fishing all week in the Monmouth Beach area, boats averaging 5 decent size stripers on spoons. Bait fishing was slow due to lack of wind needed for a good drift, so the skippers went to spoon trolling, producing fish from 15-40 lbs. Rockaway to Long Beach remained slow all week, both on bait & trolling. Friday saw a fair number of stripers off Rockaway, with quantity averaging more than Jersey waters.

Leon Miller at **Hennings Fishing Station** reports mucho keeper fluke from the inlet up to Long Beach. Jack Nacht of Lawrence had 28 keepers on Friday & Frank Pangiarella of Ozone Pk. had 16 on Sat. All fish to 2 ½ lbs. Squid, sand eels & spearing do it.

Blacks at Silver Point Jetty & under the bridge on fiddler crabs. John Koehler, on Saturday, 150° & in 110' water broke off 4 sharks and landed a 140 lb., 12 oz. blue shark. Lots of blue fish offshore for shark chummers. Over the weekend, Alex Sreter won the Atlantic Beach Rod & Gun striper contest with a 29¼ lb. striper taken on a Lupo Spoon. Schoolies on chum under the bridge.

JAMAICA BAY

Bill at **Noehren's Bait & Tackle** reports good fluking from boats at the Marine Parkway Bridge & Beach Channel Drive for acsters. Try incoming water with live killies, spearing or sand eels. Loads of crabs at N. & S. Channel Bridge, 18/24 per "crabber" is no trick.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The charterboat **Babe**, on Saturday had a 5-man charter out and fished the red side of the channel & Nortons Point. Using umbrella rigs, trolled 20 blues in the 10 lb. class.

The **"Pilot II"** is splitting the day between blacks and fluke, doing well on black and fantastic on fluke, fishing Ambrose Channel and the Rockaways. Fluke are up to 7 lbs. and enjoying sand eels and spearing. Hihook on Friday was 40 fluke.

Capt. Tony of the **Wahoo III**, reports on Friday he had 35 passengers for 250 keeper fluke, 1½-3 lbs. Saturday was a bust bunker-dunking, but 18 fluke saved the day. Sunday, in that rotten weather, 60 keeper fluke came over the side.

Mike's Tackle Shop says up to the weekend, the fluke fishing has been really great, the best in many years. QUANTITY OF GOOD SIZE - FISH. Thursday was a hot night for the Amberjack—average 16 big blues per man. Bass and blues trolled around Hoffman Island.

Salvo's Tackle Shop—Kenny reports blues very good at Nortons Pt., trolled with umbrellas & surge tubes. Stripers under the Big V & off the "wall". Blue claw crabs are in immense numbers behind Korvettes, the incinerators, etc. Sand porgies and fluke around. The Amberjack & Tampa doing well on blues at the Farms.

STATEN ISLAND

Lennie at **Santo's Sport Shop** reports good striper catches to 9 lbs. at Great Kills. Wednesday saw a blitz there—Mike Kane had a load of bass and blues on poppers in the A.M. and in late afternoon & evening they were taking everything thrown at them. Great Kills Pk. gave forth 3 stripers to 5½ lbs. on Sunday night. Fishing is steady, with an occasional blitz.

Blues are all over the Annadale area—boats are doing best, drifting bait or trolling red & black tubes. Hoffman Island is hot. Fluke are fair-good at the jetty in Great Kills Park. Blue claw crabs in Great Kills Harbor & Lemon Creek.

BASS FISHING

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temperature at 72 degrees. Personal data examined from my own fishing log indicates that the shallow water (1-12 feet) temperature in Lake Ronkonkoma was still around the 75 degree mark into the first few weeks of July.

Given this "comfort zone", chances are good that you'll find action in the shallows. That's assuming that other factors such as oxygen content, light penetration, supply of food and protection are also favorable. A personal experience on Lake Ronkonkoma during the first weekend of the 1973 season (June 2, 3) shows a total catch of 29 largemouth bass, with eight of the largest in the 3½ to 5½ pound category, all caught in shallow water. Respectable catches of bass were made through the month of July.

Somewhere around the middle of July, when the temperature factor and all related factors were at other than ideal levels for shallow water bassing, I packed my bags and headed for Forge Pond. Here the fishing is always shallow since levels average under fifteen feet. The bass have to live with shallow water and, consequently, have to adjust their life styles, so to speak. For example, with the August sun beating down on their hopefully big heads the bass must seek a shield from the sun by gravitating toward lily pads, enclosed weed beds or in crevices under and along the bank.

But the important point to make here is that the fish are there in the shallows; an adjustment to our tactics and the fish are ours for the catching. Under these conditions I restrict myself to either early morning or dusk and late evening fishing. During both of these periods the water has a tendency to become substantially cooler due to the absence of sunlight and make the hunt for food more comfortable to the bass. Also, night time offers the security of darkness and a wary old lunker might cast his caution to the wind, causing him to take our offering more readily.

The bass in Forge Pond will usually conform to this dawn, evening approach, but being the basically unpredictable adversary that he is, Mr. Bass can turn the tables and appear where we least expect him to be.

What we know for certain is that he is shallow, and that a bit of experimenting will ultimately put us right on target. I've spent a few fishless days learning patterns but, in the long run, good fish wound up on the end of my line. I'd like to add that, on the average, Forge Pond bass are not as large as Ronkonkoma's but they offer great shallow water sport during those dog days of summer.

In conclusion, I'd like to state that the match of wits between us as anglers and old Bigmouth always leads to a very interesting game with a fairly even score. If we "structure" our approach to suit our shallow water interests we just might be able to gain a bit of an advantage, even if it might only be psychological.

TIDE TABLES

	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM
6/20 THURSDAY	8:36	8:52	10:03	10:15	11:59	-	-	12:07
6/21 FRIDAY	9:28	9:43	10:55	11:08	12:13	12:54	12:21	12:57
6/22 SATURDAY	10:23	10:36	11:47	-	1:07	1:47	1:13	1:47
6/23 SUNDAY	11:18	11:32	12:02	12:43	2:02	2:43	2:05	2:39
6/24 MONDAY	-	12:14	12:59	1:42	2:59	3:41	2:59	3:33
6/25 TUESDAY	12:27	1:10	2:00	2:41	4:02	4:47	3:56	4:29
6/26 WEDNESDAY	1:23	2:05	3:03	3:43	5:16	5:56	4:55	5:26
6/27 THURSDAY	2:18	3:02	4:09	4:45	6:33	7:04	5:56	6:25

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East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seatord Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
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Greenport	+1 04
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New Suffolk	+2 26
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Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
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Montauk Inlet	−0 25
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Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
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Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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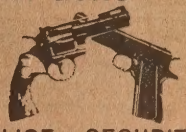

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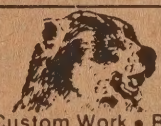

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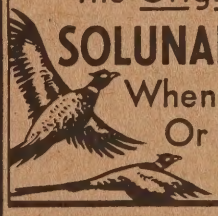

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Sat.	7:05	1:25	7:35	1:55
Sun.	8:05	2:35	8:45	3:00
Mon.	9:10	3:30	9:40	4:05
Tues.	10:15	4:30	10:40	4:55
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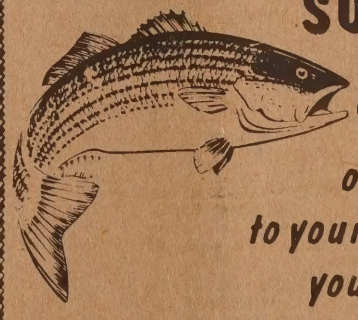

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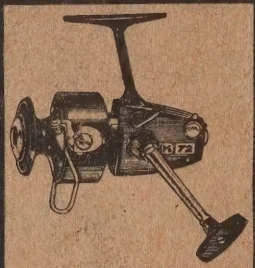

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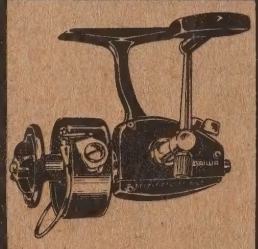

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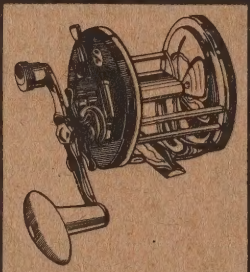

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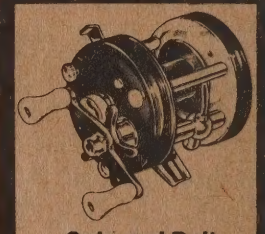

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